The 19th Conference on Women and the Civil War

Rebuilding Lives After the War

Arlington Court Suites, Arlington, VA July 27-29, 2018

Friday, July 27

Workshop #1: Writing Seminar: Fiction and Non-Fiction. Paula Whitacre and Tammy Renich, authors.

Workshop #2: Collections: Sharing Research and Greatest Finds.

Annual Meeting of the Society for Women and the Civil War Welcome Reception

Clarissa "Clara" Jones: Freelance Nurse. John Lustrea, National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

The story of her service, told through her recently discovered letters.

Saturday, July 28

All Day Field Trip: Frederick Douglass Home; The Lincoln Cottage; and a walking tour of Old Town, Alexandria, VA.

Banquet

1860's Sing-A-Long with Marshall and Co. of Fredericksburg, VA Twilight Madness. A signature auction event.

Sunday, July 29

Elizabeth Proctor Thomas, the Lady Behind Fort Stevens. Kenya Finley, Fort Stevens Historic Site.

The federal government seized the property of a free African American woman to build the fort.

Within These Walls: African Americans in Civil War Medicine. Jill Newmark, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health.

A discussion of the first hospital established by the federal government to meet the needs of newly-freed African Americans and black troops. The hospital staff, including doctors and nurses, was largely African American.

Antonia Ford Willard, Confederate Spy. Michelle Krowl, Library of Congress.